

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 36 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – Claims 1 through 27, drawn to a semiconductor device comprising a BGA package for a segmented voltage plane, classified in class 257, subclass 676.

Group II – Claims 28 through 36, drawn to a process for fabricating a BGA package for a segmented voltage plane, classified in class 438, subclass 106.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1 through 27, without traverse.

Species Election

Applicant herein acknowledges the species election requirement in the above-referenced application for elected Group I, claims 1 through 27.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention, designated by the Examiner as Embodiment IX, which is set forth in claims 16 and 22 and illustrated in drawing Figs. 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 5, 6A, and 6B.

However, Applicants note that the Office Action defines Embodiment IV as including claims 1 and 8-11 and Embodiment V as including claims 1 and 8-11. Applicants are assuming that this is a typographical error and there is no Embodiment V. If Applicants are incorrect in this assumption, please notify Applicants undersigned attorney.

In addition, Applicants note that the Office Action does not place claim 27 in any Embodiment. Claim 27 depends from claim 16 and contains claim language similar to that of claim 12, which depends from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants presume that an Embodiment XI should be defined as including claim 16 and claim 27, in a similar fashion as Embodiment VI is defined as including claim 1 and claim 12. If Applicants are incorrect in this presumption, please notify Applicants undersigned attorney.

Furthermore, Applicants note that the Office Action defines Embodiments VII, VIII, IX, and X (and presumably XI) as each including independent claim 16. Therefore, as written it appears to Applicants that independent claim 16 is generic to Embodiments VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI. As a result, if elected embodiment IX is eventually allowed in a form such that claim 16 is still generic to Embodiments VII, VIII, IX, and X (and presumably XI), Applicants believe the Examiner should also allow these other embodiments.

Finally, Applicants wish to point out that the Office Action defines Embodiments I, II, III, and IV as each including independent claim 1. Therefore, as written it appears to Applicants that independent claim 1 is generic to Embodiments I, II, III, and IV.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statements

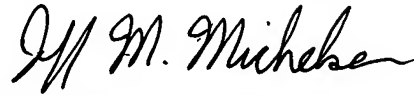
Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on **March 10, 2004** and **May 10, 2004**, and respectfully request that the documents referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 forms be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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